

# DRAFT

MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

7:00 P.M.  
Mansfield Public Library  
Director's Office

Present: L. Bailey, ex officio, E. BarShalom, S. Q. Clark presiding, E. Chibeu, H. Hand, and C. Rees.  
Absent: J. Greene, B. Katz, R. Pollack, D. Truman  
Visitors: None

- I. The meeting was called to order 7:04 PM.
- II. No public comments
- III. Communications:  
Ms. Bailey informed the Board that she had sent information about Compton Rees to Matt Hart, Town Manager in support of his appointment to the Library Advisory Board, filling the vacancy left by Will Hare. The Board welcomed Mr. Rees' return to the Board.
- IV. The Minutes of May 4, 2010 were approved. (Motion by C. Rees, second by E. Bar-Shalom, passed unanimously).
- V. Librarian's Report
  - The success of the reinstatement of Toddler Time was described by L. Bailey
  - L. Bailey reported that there had been no complaints about the change in Library hours.
  - The mini-book sale was successful.
  - Various programs and services were detailed and discussed, including the "Books on Buses" project and the summer reading club.
  - Wi Fi is going well, as are the downloadable audiobooks for adults.
  - The integrated library system will change on Memorial Day, to an open source system called Evergreen.
  - Staff are preparing for the migration, which is prompting an examination of the collection and databases.
  - Other library special services and programs were also described.
  - The idea of facilitating a 'reading club' at the Town day camp is a possibility, with the public library supplying materials but not staff.
  - The high number of people from surrounding towns coming to Mansfield Public Library programs was highlighted.
  - The possibility of federal grants for some degree of regionalization was brought up.
  - In the plans for the upcoming fiscal year, we may target reducing the reliance on the Friends of the Mansfield Library for such a high percentage of the budget (i.e. 45% of materials, 60% of programs). This is much higher than the national average.
- VI. New Business
  - Library Advisory Board Report: L. Bailey and S.Q. Clark will consolidate from the past year's minutes to create the framework of the report.
  - The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at which time the upcoming calendar will be set for Library Advisory Board meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Louise Bailey